PROCEEDING

—OF THE—

Fifty-fifth Annual Convention

—OF THE—

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

—OF THE—

United Lutheran Church in America

Held in Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Fremont, Nebraska,

May 17th and 18th, 1927

REV. G. P. KABELE, Pastor.

—ALSO—

Minutes of the Tenth Annual Meeting

—OF THE—

Lutheran Brotherhood

of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska
May 9th, 1927

West Point, Nebraska

Synodical Calendar for 1926-1927

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PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR

First Lutheran Church, Nebraska City, Opening Session, May 15, 1928, 2 p. m.

Communion Sermon—Rev. M. J. Harder; Alternate, Rev. H. C. Cordts.
Ordination Sermon—Rev. O. W. Ebright; Alternate, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D.
CHAPLAIN—Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D.; Alternate, Rev. W. T. Kahse, D.D.

SYNODICAL DISTRICTS

1. Northeast District—South Sioux City; Dakota City, Salem and Emmanuel, Homer; Hubbard, Ponca, Allen, Emerson and Wayne.
2. Omaha District—Omaha, St. Luke's, St. Mark's, Kountze Memorial, First English, Redeemer, Grace, and Tekamah.
3. Southeast District—Auburn, Nebraska City, Stella, Verdon, and Falls City.
4. Lincoln District—Lincoln, Grace and St. James; Eagle, Walton; Wilber, Beatrice, Spring Valley and Hardy.
5. Fremont District—Fremont, Hooper, West Point, and Leigh.
6. Central District—York, Rising City, Grand Island, Wolbach, Ericson, Hampton, Benedict, Bethel and Zion; McCool Junction, Davenport and Stamford, two churches.
7. Western District—North Platte, Oshkosh, Lewellen, Paxton, Sutherland, Sidney, Gurley, Potter, and Bridgeport.

ROLL OF MINISTES AND LAY DELEGATES

Minister.	Ord.	Ent. Synod	Tues. P. M.	Wed. A. M.	Wed. P. M.	Address	Lay Delegate	Tues. P. M.	Wed. A. M.	Wed. P. M.
Anspach, H. A.	1913	1924	0	0	0	North Platte	A. T. Yost	0	0	0
Baltzly, O. D., D. D.	1896	1911	0	0	0	Omaha	H. Fischer	....	0	0
Block, F.	1924	1924	....	....	....	Africa		....	....	....
Bollman, E.	1890	1926	....	....	....	Shickley		....	....	....
Cordts, H. C.	1926	1925	0	0	0	Wilber	John Shimonek	....	0	0
De Freese, K.	1917	1916	0	0	0	Omaha	O. E. Schellberg	0	....	....
Dumler, H.	1926	1925	0	0	0	Hampton	Carl Johnson	0	0	....
Ebright, O. W.	1919	1924	0	0	0	Omaha	Walter Anderson	....	0	....
Fleck, E. Lee	1887	1910	....	....	....	Lincoln		....	....	....
Frank, A. O.	1923	1922	0	0	0	Auburn	John Schlange	0	0	0
Guss, W. I., D. D.	1899	1919	0	0	0	Omaha		....	....	....
Harder, M. J.	1925	1924	0	0	0	Benedict		....	....	....
Harman, C. B., D. D.	1900	1909	0	0	0	Grand Island	Fred Willman	....	....	....
Hershey, J. C.	1917	1917	0	0	0	Davenport	C. R. Miller	0	0	0
Hoffman, Wm.	1902	1920	0	0	0	Allen	J. W. Black	0	0	0
Kabele, G. P.	1898	1927	0	0	0	Fremont	Wm. Tessin	0	0	0
Kahse, W. T., D. D.	1905	1912	0	0	0	Sidney	Mr. Christensen	....	....	....
Karriker, C. P.	1925	1925	0	0	0	Ponca	Loyd Lynde	....	....	....
Keller, S. L.	1888	1910	0	0	0	Fremont		....	....	....
Kemper, C. H.	1927	1926	0	0	0	Paxton		....	....	....
Klink, W. A.	1917	1917	0	0	0	West Point	Louis Maack	0	0	0
Kreutz, E. H.	1923	1923	0	0	0	Lincoln	Wm. Hille	....	0	0
Kuhns, L. M., D. D.	1886	1888	0	0	0	Omaha		....	....	....
Lewis, C. H. B., D. D.	1904	1925	0	0	0	Fremont		....	....	....
Livers, R. W., D. D.	1906	1916	0	0	0	Hooper	H. R. Meier	....	0	0
Lowe, C. R.	1907	1913	0	0	0	Beatrice	Andrew Anderson	....	....	....
Lowe, J. A., Ph. D.	1878	1926	0	0	0	Omaha		....	....	....
Marohn, A. A.	1913	1919	....	....	....	Davenport, Iowa		....	....	....

ROLL OF MINISTERS AND LAY DELEGATES—Continued

Martin, H. F., D.D.	1905	1925	....	0	....	Fremont	....	....	....
Machetzki, P.	1915	1914	....	....	....	Buenos Ayres, S. A.	....	....	....
Mendenhall, G. N., Ph. D.	1908	1922	0	0	0	Fremont	....	....	....
Mortensen, G. E.	1920	1920	0	0	0	South Sioux City	Mr. Bridenbaugh	....	....	....
Mortensen, E. C.	1920	1920	0	0	0	Hardy	....	....	....
Rangeler, R. E.	1919	1921	0	0	0	Emerson	H. G. Haase	0	0	0
Ries, L.	1907	1918	....	0	0	Falls City	....	....	....	....
Soholm, A. O.	1912	1922	0	0	0	Omaha	Alfon Wisler	0	0	....
Saas, W. H.	1925	1924	0	0	0	Dakota City	....	....	....	....
Schwerdtfeger, A. B.	1924	1927	0	0	0	Stella	P. M. Monette	....	....	0
Stager, C. L.	1919	1925	0	0	0	Omaha	Wm. Haas	0	....	....
Voss, W. A.	1925	1924	0	0	0	Omaha	....	....	....	....
Vosseler, E. A.	1920	1923	0	0	0	Rising City	Luther Saylor	....	0	0
Weaver, G. B., D. D.	1898	1916	0	0	0	Omaha	Albert Herelund	0	0	0
Wiegman, F. C.	1927	1927	0	0	0	Nebraska City	F. W. Rottman	....	0	0
White, R. A.	1886	1886	0	0	0	Wolbach	Alfred Johnson	....	....	....
White, P. C.		1926	0	0	0	Fremont	....	....	....	....
Young, A. W.	1926	1924	0	0	0	Stamford	Otto Lubeck	....	....	....
						Dakota City	W. Van de Fedde	....	....	....
						Lincoln, Grace	....	....	....	....
						McCool Junction	Earnest Green	....	....	....
						Oshkosh	....	....	....	....
						Tekamah	M. D. Willert	0	0	0
						Wayne	H. C. Peterson	....	0	0
						Walton	Mr. Berner	....	0	0
						Verdon	....	....	....	....
						Leigh	....	....	....	....

MINUTES

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Fifty-Fifth Annual Convention

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United Lutheran Church in America

The Fifty-Fifth annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America, held in the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church of Fremont, Nebraska, opened on Tuesday afternoon, May 17, 1927 at 2 o'clock. The Communion sermon was preached by the Rev. W. A. Voss of Omaha, from the text, John 6:37. The liturgical service and the Communion service were conducted by the officers of Synod.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel made a report of the program of the business of Synod, and the same was adopted.

Moved, seconded and carried that the first seven pews be the bar of Synod.

The Roll of Ministers was called and the Lay Delegates were enrolled.

The President read his report which was referred to the Committee on the President's report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May 17, 1927

To the Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

"Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska assembles for her Fifty-fifth Annual Convention in the newly created and beautiful temple of the Salem Lutheran Church. This congregation has generously invisted us to be their guests for which we are glad and grateful. We gather to review our labors and to plan for the future.

My official report for the past months, since our last convention, is herewith submitted for your consideration:

Resignations

Name, Place, and Date Effective

Rev. E. H. Kreutz, Stamford, October 31, 1926.

Rev. W. I. Guss, St. Mark's, Omaha, December 1, 1926.

Rev. J. George Dorn, Associate Pastor of Kountze Memorial, Omaha, January 31, 1927.

Rev. M. Koolen, D. D., Leigh, January 31, 1927.

Rev. Charles S. Bream, Grace, Lincoln, February 28, 1927.

Rev. Alfred W. Young, Verdon, March 31, 1927.

Rev. C. L. Stager, Wayne, April 30, 1927.

Dismissals

Rev. E. Clyde Zander, to the Pittsburgh Synod, November 16, 1926.

Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., to the Rocky Mountain Synod, January 19, 1927.

Rev. J. George Dorn, to the California Synod, January 31, 1927.

Rev. M. Koolen, D. D., to the German Nebraska Synod, January 31, 1927.

Rev. C. S. Bream, to the Rocky Mountain Synod, February 28, 1927.

Accessions

Rev. George P. Kabele, from Kansas Synod, January 5, 1927.

Rev. A. B. Schwerdtfeger, from the Kansas Synod, January 25, 1927.

Calls Accepted

Rev. E. H. Kreutz, to St. James Church, Lincoln, November 1, 1926.

Rev. George Kabele, to Salem Church, Fremont, January 5, 1927.

Rev. A. B. Schwerdtfeger, to the Church at Stella, January 25, 1927.

Installations

Rev. E. H. Kreutz, at St. James, Lincoln, by the President of Synod, assisted by Rev. J. George Dorn, November 14, 1926.

Rev. H. C. Cordts, at Wilber, by Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., assisted by Dean Holmes Dysinger, D. D., November 14, 1926.

Rev. Henry Dumler, by the President of Synod, assisted by Dean Holmes Dysinger, D. D., November 2, 1926.

Rev. George P. Kabele at Salem Church, Fremont, by the President of Synod, assisted by Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., January 9, 1927.

Rev. A. B. Schwerdtfeger, at Stella, by the President of Synod, assisted by Rev. A. O. Frank, February 2, 1927.

Rev. A. W. Young, at Stamford, by the President of Synod, April 3, 1927.

Rev. C. L. Stager, at St. Mark's, Omaha, by the President of Synod, assisted by Rev. O. W. Ebright, May 1, 1927.

Churches Applying for Admission

The "St. Paul's English Lutheran Church of Hildreth, Nebraska," an independent congregation, has made formal application to be admitted to the membership of this Synod.

The "First United Evangelical Lutheran Church of York, Nebraska," is applying to be admitted to the membership of this Synod. Members of the disbanded "First United English Lutheran Church of York, Nebraska" and other interested persons, organized this new Church on March 27, 1927.

Transfer of Church Membership

At the request of the Presidents of the Iowa, Kansas, and Rocky Mountain Synods, I transferred the church membership of Professor Holmes Dysinger, D. D., Robert L. Patterson, D. D., and Wm. F. Rangeler, D. D., from the Salem Lutheran Church, of Fremont, to these Presidents. The membership of these brethern has been placed in congregations within the bounds of the Synods in which their Synodical membership is held.

Vacant Churches Supplied

York and McCool Junction, by Rev. J. L. Sawyer. He has received a "call" to become pastor.

Paxton-Sutherland, by Rev. Carl H. Kemper. A "call" has been given him to become pastor.

Nebraska City, by Rev. Fred C. Wiegman. He has accepted a "call" to become pastor.

Oskosh-Lewellen, by Rev. H. C. Leonard.

Dakota City, Immanuel, by Rev. Dr. Beyer.

Tekamah, by Rev. L. H. Steinhoff.

Hubbard and Homer, by Rev. G. E. Mortensen.

Potter, by Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D.

Stamford, Emmanuel, by Rev. A. L. Groseclose.

The following vacancies are being supplied by various pastors or students:

Grace, Lincoln; Walton-Eagle; Verdon; Wayne and Leigh. The Leigh Parish has called a pastor.

Spring Valley, Bruning and Bridgeport have not been having any supplies.

Rededication

October 31, 1926. The St. Paul's Church of Auburn, the Rev. A. O. Frank, pastor, after being remodeled and enlarged, was rededicated with appropriate services.

The morning sermon was by the Rev. J. F. Seibert, D. D., General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the U. L. C. The evening sermon was by the Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D. D., LL. D., Dean of the Western Theological Seminary, Fremont. The Rev. James Raun, returned missionary from India, assisted at the morning service and spoke at the School and League services. The work of remodeling and furnishing cost approximately $8,000. All but about $2,000 was raised by the local members, in pledges and cash subscriptions. The unpaid balance was provided for by a note by the building committee.

Anniversaries

Omaha (Grace)—Fifth Anniversary of the present pastorate was fittingly observed on February 6, 1927.

Omaha (Redeemer)—On January 7-10, 1927, the Tenth Anniversary of the Church was celebrated by three special services. Former pastors, Rev. C. F. Koch, Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D., and Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., were present and delivered addresses. Two real social functions were a part of the festivities on this occasion.

Omaha (St. Mark's) November 6, 1926, the 25th Wedding Anniversary of the Pastor and Mrs. W. I. Guss was celebrated in an elaborate manner at the Church.

Improvements, Etc.

Auburn—New tables, cupboards, dishes for basement of church $100. New Hymn board $10. Sunday School tables and equipment $50; work of making tables donated by Brotherhood, not included in cost.

Fremont—Parsonage revarnished and repapered, debt reduced $1,000; and electric lighted bulletin board installed, cost $100.

Lewellen—Record board, communion set and heater for study, cost $70.

North Platte—February 22nd, a "Life Service Shield" was dedicated. Rev. O. W. Ebright (the only name on the shield) was the speaker of the day. A "Life Service Banquet" was held the following evening, when Rev. Ebright, his father, William, and the President of Synod made addresses. Several young men, at this time, signified a desire to enter the Gospel Ministry.

Omaha, Benson—Paid $576 on debt. New set of altar cloths.

Omaha (Grace)—Reduced debt $1,800. January 22nd, a fire destroyed the interior of auditorium and all art glass windows. A new building is contemplated in the near future. Worship is held in the repaired assembly room.

Omaha (Redemer)—New Hymn Book for the Church School.

Oshkosh—Modern Parsonage completed, cost $5,500. Balance due, $1,000. Large basement under it, fully equipped for social functions of the Church.

Stamford—Reduction on parsonage debt of $180.

Stella—"Nesbit Standard" heating system installed in the parsonage; also, a fully equipped bath room. The parsonage interior was remodeled

and painted. Tennis court and play-ground under construction, cost of these approximately $1,000.

West Point—Book and envelope holders put on pews, also new altar cloths and communion linen, cost $140

Nebraska City—The auditorium of the Church was completely redecorated at a cost of about $250.

Work of the President

In addition to what has already been enumerated, the president's time has been taken up with numerous conferences with individuals, visits to congregations and councils, committee meetings, board meetings, conventions, addresses, preaching, and much correspondence. In fact, he had nothing to do but just work, to which there seems to be no end.

Actions of Richmond Convention

Secretary M. G. Scherer of the United Lutheran Church in America wrote me in reference to actions of the Richmond Convention which have been referred to the Constituent Synods as follows (See Minutes of Convention, October 19-27, 1926).

The items are as follows, the page numbers referring to the Minutes of the Richmond Convention:

1. A 100% Paid Appointment in 1927. Page 98.
2. Jewish Mission Sunday. Recommendation 2 on Page 310.
3. Resolutions 4 and 5 of the Report of the Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief. Page 324.
4. Educational Year. Two resolutions on page 392.
5. Church Periodical Week. Recommendation of the Board of Publication on page 420 ff.
6. Several Recommendations of the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee (1-6). Page 446 ff.
7. Organization and location of Theological Seminaries. General Recommendation I, 1, page 541.
8. Apportionment to the Constituent Synods for the year 1927. Page 83.

Recommendations

1. That we humbly acknowledge the gracious favor of God that has marked the labors of the past months, and that we here again rededicate ourselves to our unfinished task.
2. That Synod request all congregations to take an offering for The National Lutheran Council, if such has not already been done, so that the quota of $708 asked from our Synod may be raised.
3. That actions of the Richmond Convention, referred to this synod by its Secretary, M. G. Scherer, be considered item by item and some disposal be made of each.
4. That Synod request every congregation to do its utmost to attain the following goals for this Synodical year:

1st. One Hundered Per-cent on the Benevolence Apportioned to be the minimum from every congregation.

2nd. An increase of Ten Per-cent in the communing membership of every congregation.

5. That Synod request all pastors, church councils, and all organizations of the congregations to unite in the effort to attain these goals.

6 That the Synod authorize and instruct the officers of Synod to transfer the disbanded church property of York, Nebraska, now in the possession of the Synod, to the "First United Evangelical Lutheran Church of York, Nebraska" as soon as the said church has become a regular member of this synod, and as soon as the Executive Committee has given the proper approval of the same. (See Articles of Incorporation, Article 5).

We thank the Synod for the prayers and goodwill and co-operation shown in helping to carry on the work of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. IRA GUSS, President.

The new members of Synod, Rev. G. P. Kabele, Rev. F. C. Wiegman and Rev. A. B. Schwerdtfeger, were introduced to Synod.

Dr. R. L. Patterson, Dr. E. A. Beyer, Dr. J. F. Seibert and Mr. Paulus List were introduced to Synod.

Rev. H. Dumler, Rev. A. W. Young and Mr. Wm. Haas were appointed tellers to conduct the elections.

Mr. George L. Rinkliff, one of the Secretaries of the Laymen's Movement for Stewardship, was introduced to the Synod.

Mr. J. H. Miller, M. D., was elected Treasurer of Synod.

Rev. J. C. Hershey was elected Statistican of Synod.

The Treasurer read his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Cash last report		$ 2,694.68
United Lutheran Church		4,974.49
Synod Treasury		1,075.01
Ministerial Education		209.02
Tabitha Home:		
Specials	$ 52.50	
Apportionment	133.78	
		$ 186.28
Synod Paper		142.14
Midland College		1,655.47
Seminary Contingent Fund		66.88
Synod Missionary Committee		125.42
Ministerial Relief		63.76

World Service	6.72
Foreign Missions	110.00
Undivided Apportionment	611.00
Total	$11,921.17

Disbursements

United Lutheran Church		$ 5,108.24
Tabitha Home		189.87
Nebraska Synod Lutheran		182.41
Midland College		1,768.56
Synod Missionary Committee		127.78
Foreign Missions		110.00
Ministerial Relief		63.76
World Service		6.72
Paid from Synod Treasury:		
N. R. Melhorn	$ 23.00	
G. B. Weaver	19.30	
A. O. Frank	10.00	
W. F. Rangeler	97.03	
Mrs. E. H. Lendgren	17.43	
Mrs. T. R. Jensen	17.43	
Jos. H. Miller	34.20	
Geo. E. Mortensen	46.95	
O. E. Schellberg	52.40	
L. J. Sayler	20.00	
C. S. Bream	79.91	
H. Fischer	64.00	
A. O. Soholm	70.00	
Charles W. Pool	1.00	
Charles R. Lowe	53.55	
W. I. Guss	284.82	
J. H. Petring	30.65	
George Dorn	5.00	
		$ 926.66
Paid from Ministerial Fund:		
Lewis Weitzenkamp	$ 50.00	
Harry Coder	75.00	
Carl F. Kemper	100.00	
Wm. F. Martin	75.00	
Paul C. White	100.00	
Herbert Dickson	100.00	
		$ 500.00
Cash on hand		$ 2,936.17
Total		$11,921.17

Cash on hand as follows:

Undivided Apportionment	$ 611.00
Synod Treasury	891.74
Ministerial Education	1,278.61
Synodical Paper	154.82
Total	$ 2,936.17
Total received during the last three months of 1926	$ 9,226.49
Received on Apportionment	8,971.98
Percentage on Apportionment	73.9%
Churches equalling and exceeding Apportionment	21
Churches that made no contribution	10

Respectfully submitted,
JOS. H. Miller, Treasurer.

Your Treasurer also holds note of the Saint James Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, given to the Nebraska Synod in the sum of $500.00. Said note bears date March 31, 1925, and runs for a period of five years.

TREASURER'S EXHIBIT

	Appor't	Paid on Appor't	Pct.	Paid on Specials	Totals Paid
North Platte	$ 548	$ 650.00	118.6%	.....	$ 650.00
Beatrice	147	157.00	106.8%	.....	157.00
Fremont	288	300.00	104.1%	.....	300.00
West Point	488	500.00	102.4%	.....	500.00
Auburn	200	200.00	100 %	$ 30.00	230.00
Benedict, Zion	105	105.00	100 %	.....	105.00
Emerson	256	256.00	100 %	.....	256.00
Hardy	87	87.00	100 %	.....	87.00
Lewelleen	65	65.00	100 %	.....	65.00
Lincoln, St. James	47	47.00	100 %	.....	47.00
Omaha, First	203	203.00	100 %	.....	203.00
Omaha, Grace	249	249.00	100 %	.....	249.00
Omaha, Redeeemer	264	264.00	100 %	.....	264.00
Omaha, St. Luke	384	384.00	100 %	.....	384.00
Omaha, St. Mark	321	321.00	100 %	.....	321.00
Oshkosh	47	47.00	100 %	.....	47.00
Rising	190	190.00	100 %	21.13	211.13
South Sioux	114	114.00	100 %	.....	114.00
Sutherland	36	36.00	100 %	.....	36.00
Tekamah	62	62.00	100 %	10.00	72.00
Verdon	180	180.00	100 %	.....	180.00
Omaha, K. M.	3938	3058.00	77.6%	82.50	3140.50
Wilber	61	47.00	77 %	.....	47.00
Davenport	149	103.00	69.1%	71.72	174.72
Lincoln Grace	426	271.00	63.6%	.....	271.00

Leigh	159	100.00	62.8%	.....	100.00
Dakota, Salem	131	78.00	59.5%	.....	78.00
Wolbach	141	80.00	56.7%	.....	80.00
Hubbard	27	13 26	49.1%	.....	13.26
Allen	184	87.95	47.8%	.....	87.95
Grand Island	587	269.00	45.8%	.....	269.00
Stamford, Trinity	100	43.00	43 %	.....	43.00
Potter	35	15.00	42.8%	.....	15.00
Sidney	100	42 00	42 %	.....	42.00
York	60	22.00	36 6%	.....	22.00
Wayne	329	137.00	41.9%	.....	137.00
Dakota, Em.	29	10 00	34.4%	.....	10 00
Ponca	210	50 00	23 8%	.....	50.00
Falls City	157	33.50	21.3%	.....	33.50
Ericson	32	6 00	18.7%	.....	6.00
Homer	82	12 27	14.9%	.....	12.27
Hampton	106	77.00	72.6%	.....	77.00
Eagle	20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gurley	109	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hooper	175	.....	.....	.....	.....
McCool Junction	82	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska City	149	.....	.....	.....	.....
Paxton	76	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stella	44	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walton	117	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. I. Guss	.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.00
Synod in Session	.....	.....	.....	29.16	29.16
Stamford, Em.	27	.....	.....	.....	.....
Benedict, Bethel	35	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$12158	$8971.98	73.9%	$254.51	$9226.49

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that we have carefully examined and audited the books of Dr. Joseph H. Miller, Treasurer of the Nebraska Synod, and found them correct and the accounts in good form.

Yours truly,

C. K. BURKHOLDER
L. D. DeVOL.

The Statistician, Rev. J. C. Hershey, read his report which was adopted.

| Index Number | Parish | Congregation | When organized | Pastor | PAROCHIAL | | |

Index Number	PAROCHIAL						FINANCIAL																										
	Church Societies						Valuation of Church Property							Congregational Exp.			Congregational Benevolences												Summary					
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	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Church Edifices	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Paid	Excess	Deficit	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Inner Missions	Other Benevolences	Total Unapportioned	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures							
1	1	31	2	45	...	...	$ 16000	$ 4000	...	...	...	$ 20000	$ 425	$ 580	...	$ 580	$ 88	...	$ 96	...	...	...	6	44	50	138	718						
2	1	20	2	38	1	20	12000	3000	...	...	...	15000	2000	950	50	1000	200	...	...	...	45	60	...	...	105	305	1305						
3	...	...	2	56	1	15	20000	7000	...	...	...	27000	...	655	...	655	157	10	...	...	...	...	36	29	65	222	877						
4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
5	...	...	1	17	...	...	1000	2000	...	...	...	3000	800	285	...	285	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	19	19	19	304						
6	...	...	3	50	...	...	10000	3500	...	...	...	13500	1500	306	110	416	105	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	37	142	558						
7	...	...	...	...	...	...	6500	...	...	...	660	7160	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
8	...	...	...	...	...	...	10000	...	...	...	...	10000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
9	...	...	2	68	...	...	26000	7500	...	...	...	33500	514	633	149	782	103	...	46	24	81	30	15	...	150	253	1035						
10	...	...	2	60	4	101	25000	5000	...	...	...	30000	...	843	60	903	256	...	...	...	18	...	20	26	64	320	1223						
11	...	...	1	41	3	105	4000	4000	...	...	...	8000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
12	1	25	3	121	2	45	100000	7000	...	...	1744	108744	50178	3497	1847	5344	300	12	...	...	...	...	...	192	192	492	5836						
13	...	...	3	112	2	100	32000	3000	...	...	...	35000	1100	1320	175	1495	269	...	318	...	5	...	40	79	124	393	1888						
14	...	...	1	30	1	15	3000	5000	...	...	...	8000	...	559	...	559	77	...	29	...	...	...	50	...	50	127	686						
15	...	...	2	69	2	26	26000	6000	...	...	...	26000	...	564	...	564	87	...	...	10	...	5	100	44	159	246	810						
16	1	15	2	71	1	22	25000	7500	...	...	...	32000	2000	780	110	890	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	890						
17	...	...	1	25	...	...	3000	...	...	...	...	3000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
18	...	...	...	...	...	...	2000	...	...	...	...	2000	250	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
19	...	...	1	20	1	88	15000	7000	...	750	...	22750	2200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
20	1	60	4	139	3	70	25000	6000	...	60	6000	37060	4000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
21	...	...	2	18	2	45	10000	4000	...	...	...	14000	8000	367	...	367	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	416						
22	...	...	1	15	...	...	6500	6000	...	...	...	12500	...	403	...	403	...	...	82	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	403						
23	...	...	2	45	...	...	9000	5000	...	...	...	14000	...	654	...	654	41	...	120	...	...	...	52	3	55	96	750						
24	1	50	3	100	3	66	100000	10000	...	...	...	110000	19500	1552	...	1552	548	...	...	...	37	...	2	124	163	711	2263						
25	...	...	2	80	1	17	15000	...	...	...	...	15000	2170	798	155	953	203	...	...	15	46	13	24	5	103	306	1259						
26	1	40	2	58	1	40	20000	...	...	...	...	20000	800	1534	...	1534	249	...	...	96	...	...	...	...	96	345	1879						
27	1	35	2	211	4	221	425000	...	15000	2000	105000	547000	5800	7619	331	7950	3058	...	880	100	178	30	776	458	1542	4500	12550						
28	1	29	1	48	1	45	20000	...	...	...	...	20000	...	928	78	1006	264	...	...	...	31	22	...	124	177	441	1447						
29	...	...	2	47	2	27	10000	...	...	...	19000	29000	11500	1147	...	1147	384	...	...	8	8	...	...	27	43	427	1574						
30	...	...	2	68	2	50	20000	5000	...	...	...	25000	2170	954	50	1004	321	...	...	15	109	...	38	361	524	845	1849						
31	...	...	1	40	1	15	4000	...	...	...	...	4000	...	200	...	200	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	247						
32	...	...	1	40	1	30	4000	...	...	...	...	4000	...	225	...	225	67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	292						
33	...	...	1	22	...	...	4000	2000	...	...	...	6000	...	269	...	269	...	...	76	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	269						
34	...	...	1	18	...	...	4000	...	...	...	...	4000	...	165	306	471	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	507						

PAROCHIAL

Index Number	Parish	Congregation	When organized	Pastor	Congregations	Membership: Baptized	Membership: Confirmed	Membership: Communing	Accessions: Children: Baptism	Accessions: Children: Otherwise	Accessions: Adult: Baptism	Accessions: Adult: Confirmation	Accessions: Adult: Certificate	Accessions: Adult: Otherwise	Losses: Children: Death	Losses: Children: Otherwise	Losses: Adult: Death	Losses: Adult: Certificate	Losses: Adult: Otherwise	Ch. Papers: No. Sub. to Official Papers	Ch. Papers: No. S. S. Papers Distributed	Ch. Papers: Church Papers No. Sub. to Other	Church Schools: Sunday: Number	Church Schools: Sunday: Officers and Teachers	Church Schools: Sunday: Scholars	Church Schools: Sunday: Home Dep't	Church Schools: Sunday: Cradle Roll	Church Schools: Weekday: Number	Church Schools: Weekday: Teachers	Church Schools: Weekday: Scholars	Catechumens	Students: Ministry	Students: In Lutheran	Students: In Non-Lutheran
† 35	Ponca	Salem	1871	Karriker, C. P.	1	308	244	145	3						1					10			1	15	130	15	20				10		2	4
36	Rising City	First	1883	Vosseler, E. A.	1	257	160	145												15	85		1	13	179		40				7			4
37	Gurley	Grace	1916	Kahse, W. T.	1	169	88	88	2	8										2	45		1	12	86		30				18			
38	Potter	First	1892	Kahse, W. T.	1	42	30	24									1			1	10	1	1	4	26									
39	Sidney	Trinity	1886	Kahse, W. T.	1	152	79	79	1	4					1		1			4	35	2	2	9	67	6	10							
40	South Sioux City	First	1920	Mortensen, G. E.	1	153	111	66										2	2		40		1	14	98		32				32			3
41	Stamford	Emmanuel		Groseclose, A. L.	1	43	27	17												1		1									3			
‡ 42	Stamford	Trinity	1888	Heidt, A. (sec.)	1	135	80	80															1	4	80									
43	Stella	Trinity	1886	Schwerdtfeger, A. B.	1	42	32	22								18			17		25		1	4	16						4	2	3	
44	Tekamah	Emmanuel	1860	Steinhoff, L. H.	1	93	53	47												10	55	19	1	16	60		8				4	2	3	
† 45	Verdon	St. Mark's	1883	Young, A. W.	1	226	150	140												50	24	5	1	20	166	2	25				6	1	1	2
46	Wolbach	Trinity	1903	White, R. A.	1	226	130	92	3								1		2	3	60		1	12	70	7	10				14	1	5	
47	Ericson	First	1898	White, R. A.	1	37	31	21												2	24										6			
48	Walton	Grace	1916	Anderson, F. (sec.)	1	152	99	89													36		1	8	70		12							
49	Eagle	Trinity	1893	Anderson, F. (sec.)	1	26	19	13																										
50	Wayne	St. Paul's	1881	Stager, C. L.	1	432	280	248	5							3	3	2		12	35	12	1	16	78		35				9			10
51	Wilber	First	1889	Cordts, H. C.	1	166	53	46									1			5	40		1	18	115						12	1		
52	West Point	Grace	1874	Klink, W. A.	1	604	396	382	3					1		3	2		3	75	155		1	22	225		61				22	1	3	6
53	York	First	1903	Sawyer, J. L. (sply)	1	86	55	40												4	50		1	10	78						7			1
54	South America			Machetzki, P.		1	1	1																										
55	Africa			Block, F.		1	1	1																										
56	Synod			Guss, W. I.		1	1	1																										
57	Retired			Keller, S. L.		1	1	1																										
58	Retired			Fleck, E. L.		1	1	1																										
59	Teaching			Mendenhall, G.		1	1	1																										
60	Retired			Bollman, E.		1	1	1																										
61	Pres. Midland			Martin, H. F.		1	1	1																										
62				Lewis, C. H. B.		1	1	1																										
	Total			Dec. 31, 1926	53	16950	11389	7930	131	21	15	11	39	37	2	44	21	25	178	707	4330	2923	54	935	7777	303	1181	1	2	36	1078	19	71	235
	Total			Sept. 30, 1926	55	17260	11626	8174												802	4869	2871	57	991	7845	363	1197	4	9	96	1089	18	98	269
		Increase																				52												
		Decrease			2	310	487	244												95	539		3	56	68	60	16	3	7	60	11	1	27	33

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35			1	47	2	47	25000	7000			300	32300	3000				50		160	20					20	70	70
36			1	42	2	67	8000	4000				12000		779		779	190						24	223	247	437	1216
37			1	18	1	12	4000					4000		183	420	603	51		57				5		5	56	659
38							3000	2000				5000		90		90	25		13							25	115
39			1	35	1	11	6500	5000			250	11750	1500	370	2165	2535	93		7	75			10		85	178	2713
40			2	44	2	35	25000					25000	10000	406	519	925	114							45	45	159	1084
41			1	24															109								
42			1	25	1	20	2000	3000				5000															
43			1	8			3000	2000		1100		6100		125		125											125
44			1	20	2	59	16000	4000				20000		462		462	62			141			10	150	301	363	825
45			2	35	1	17	22000	3000		500		25500	400														
46			2	39	1	28	4000					4000		260	85	345	80		61	25				9	34	114	459
47							1200					1200	150	30		30	6		26							6	36
48			1	28			10000	3000				13000	603	77		77											77
49			1	10			4000					4000															
50			2	62	2	65	15000	4000				19000		1251		1251	137		192		20	30			50	187	1438
51			2	76	1	11	4650	2250				6900		378		378	47									47	425
52	1	36	2	97	2	42	45000	7000			600	52600		876	98	974	388		100		12		4	53	69	457	1431
53	1	16	1	21	2	28	4500	4500				9000	3000	548		548	22		38							22	570
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	11	357	78	2453	59	1605	$1209850	$160250	$15000	$4410	$133554	$1522564	$131390	$ 33562	$ 6768	$ 40330	$ 8174	22	$ 2445	$ 529	$ 590	$ 190	$1212	$2052	$ 4574	$11748	$ 53108
	†8	601	79	2580	57	1649	$1197736	$153529	$15000	$3610	$ 40119	$1507494	$155313														
					2		12114	$ 6721		$ 800	$ 93435	$ 15070															
	2	244	1	127		44							$ 13923														

†Partial Report (3) ‡No Report (8)

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

In submitting the statistical report for the congregations composing the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska for the three months of October, November, and December we wish to call your attenton to the following facts:

1st. No satisfactory comparisons can be made. The facts tabulated cover a period of three months only, while preceding reports cover one year.

2nd. Where comparisons can be made, as in membership columns, a noticable decrease is found in every department of our Church.

3rd. Property valuation shows an increase of fifteen thousand and seventy dollars. The indebtedness on church property has decreased thirteen thousand, nine hundred and twenty-three dollars.

4th. All pastors reported. One came too late to be tabulated. Three reported for one year and a part of their report could not be used. Eight congregations without regular pastors sent no reports.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. HERSHEY, Statistician.

The Treasurer's report was adopted.

Rev. E. C. Mortensen was elected Secretary.

The Historian, Rev. R. A. White, read his report and the same was adopted.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

The Historian reports that the clerical roll of the Synod is complete to date. Since the last report there have been five accessions as follows: two by regular licensure, two by letter from a sister synod, and one by ad interim license.

In the same time we have lost five by dismissals to other Synods, leaving the clerical roll the same as it was last year. There have been 352 accessions to the clerical roll since the Synod came into existence in 1871.

Four type written copies of the history of Tabitha Home, reported last year, have been made. These will be distributed as follows: one for the protocol, one for Tabitha Home, one for the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church, and one for the Historian.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE, Historian

Rev. R. A. White was elected Historian.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the Secretary, Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., and on motion was adopted item by item.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee held six meetings. One at Auburn at which all standing committees were appointed as they appeared in the printed minutes. Two meetings were held in Omaha and three in Fremont. All items of business which were left to the Committee by Synod have been attended to.

Appointments

Because of the removal of several pastors from this Synod, the vacancies were filled by the following appointments:—

Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D. to succeed Rev. M. Koolen, D. D. on the Examining Committee; Rev. G. P. Kabele to succeed Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D. on the Mission Committee; Rev. H. A. Anspach to succeed Rev. J. Geo. Dorn on the Mission Committee; Rev. O. W. Ebright to succeed Rev. J. Geo. Dorn as Secretary of Young People's Societies, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Midland Assembly, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Luther League Hospice; Rev. W. A. Klink to succeed Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D. on the Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief; Rev. W. A. Voss to succeed Rev. M. Koolen, D. D. on the Committee on Architecture; Rev. A. B. Schwerdtfeger to succeed Rev. J. Geo. Dorn on the Committee on Architecture; Rev. L. M. Kuhns, D. D. to succeed Rev. J. Geo. Dorn on the Committee on Constitution; Rev. J. C. Hershey to succeed Rev. C. S. Bream as Statistician; Rev. E. H. Kreutz to succeed Rev. C. S. Bream as Trustee of Tabitha Home.

Recommendations

1. That the President be granted a month's vacation each year.
2. That the Conferences be held as follows:—a short session in connection with the meeting of Synod and the chief session be held some time in the fall.

Special Recommendation

The President of the Synod reported that requests had come to him from the Presidents of the Synods of Iowa and Kansas for the transfer of the Church membership of Drs. Holmes Dysinger and R. L. Patterson, from the Salem Lutheran Church of Fremont, Nebraska, the same to be sent to the Presidents of these Synods, in order that the membership of these Ministers might be deposited in the St. John's Lutheran Church of Council Bluffs, Iowa and St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Atchison, Kansas, respectively.

In accordance with the above requests and in harmony with the deliverance on "Church Membership of Lutheran Ministers" recommended by the United Lutheran Church, President Guss reported that he had dismissed Drs. Holmes Dysinger and R. L. Patterson from the Salem Lutheran Church of Fremont and that he had so notified the Church Council of this action.

Upon the recommendation of President Guss, a motion was made and carried "that the action of the President, in transferring the Church Membership of Ministers in accordance with the recommendation of the

United Lutheran Church, does hereby receive the approval of the Executive Committee."

Upon the recommendation of the President, W. I. Guss, the following was presented and adopted by the Executive Committee:—

1. That inasmuch as the question of the Church Membership of pastors and other ministers has been raised and confusion seems to be in the minds of pastors and laymen in this matter,

That inasmuch as the United Lutheran Church has adopted the following deliverance of the Commission of Adjudication with reference to the congregational membership of Ministers:—

See Minutes of the Third Biennial Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, held at Buffalo, N. Y., page 113.

Every pastor is not only an officer, but a member of the congregation over which he is placed.

2. Where the pastoral relation is sundered, membership within the congregation last served remains until a formal transfer be made to another congregation.

3. Ministers whose ministerial standing is dependent on the administration of general Church interests, the pastors temporarily, or who by reason of age or other disablement, are without pastoral charge, being as members of the Synod subject to Synodical authority, may be transferred from one congregation to another by the President of the Synod, upon his testimonial given to the congregation to which the transfer is made, and also of information of such act transmitted by said President to the pastor or congregation from which the transfer has been made.

4. The congregational membership of the President of a Synod shall be determined by his own personal judgment; the understanding being that any congregation within the Synod which has elected him to office as Chief Executive will require no further testimonial for his admission as a member than his personal application to be so enrolled; and that notice served by him of his withdrawal from the congregation he has hitherto served or from which he is about to withdraw, shall be regarded as the honorable method of terminating said relation with a particular congregation, in order that he may be better able to serve the Synod to which both the President and the congregation belong."

Therefore be it resolved that this Executive Committee refer the action of the United Lutheran Church to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska for adoption.

III. That the Executive Committee present to the Synod for adoption the following:—

Recommendations

1. That the deliverance on "Church Membership of Lutheran Ministers" recommended by the United Lutheran Church, be adopted as the standard of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

2. That the congregations be advised that the terms of this deliverance do not apply to the members of the pastor's family.

3. That congregations be advised, in the event of any of their young men entering the holy ministry, to make the entry in their church record, "Entered the Ministry."

Respectfully submitted,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Recommendation 1 was adopted; recommendation 2 was adopted; recommendation 3 was adopted; recommendation 4, item 1, was adopted; recommendation 4, item 2, was adopted; recommendation 4, item 3, was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Adjudication was read by Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., and the same was adopted.

REPORT OF ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE

We are happy to report that all relations between the Congregations of our Synod and other Lutheran bodies have been so cordial that no matter has been referred to the Adjudication Committee for consideration.

Signed, THE ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE

OLIVER D. BALTZLY, Chairman.

The report of the Constitution Committee was read by Rev. L. M. Kuhns, D. D., and the same was adopted.

THE REPORT OF CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Your committee appointed to codify the Constitution, upon investigation and consulting with the President of Synod, find there are some items requiring amendment, and other matters that should be considered by a committee on revision of the Constitution, before any codification should be made.

We therefore report progress, and ask to be discharged.

May 17-18, 1927.

LUTHER M. KUHNS, Chairman.

Rev. A. O. Soholm was elected a member of the Executive Committee for three years.

Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., was elected a member of the Executive Committee for one year.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. H. Saas.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7:45 O'CLOCK

The liturgical service was conducted by Rev. G. P. Kabele, assisted by Rev. A. O. Soholm. The President, Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., preached the Synodical Sermon from the text I. Cor. 1:23 and 24.

Dr. J. F. Seibert, English Secretary of the Board of American Missions, also made a splendid address.

The President appointed the following committees:—

President's Report—Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., Rev. R. W. Livers, D. D., Rev. C. L. Stager, Mr. O. E. Schellberg, and Mr. Wm. Tessin.

Conference Minutes and Reports—Rev. O. W. Ebright, Rev. C. P. Karriker, Rev. K. de Freese, Mr. C. R. Miller and Mr. J. W. Black.

Leave of Absence and Absentees.—Rev. M. J. Harder, Rev. A. W. Young and Mr. Louis Maack.

Letters and papers—Rev. E. A. Vosseler, Rev. Wm. Hoffman, Rev. E. H. Kreutz, Mr. H. R. Meier and Mr. M. D. Willert.

Resolutions—Rev. L. M. Kuhns, D. D., Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D., Rev. W. A. Klink, Rev. G. E. Mortensen, Mr. Albert Hedelund and Mr. H. C. Peterson.

Apportionment Committee—Rev. J. C. Hershey, Rev. H. C. Cordts, Rev. H. Dumler, Mr. J. H. Miller, M. D., Mr. A. T. Yost, Mr. Wm. Haas and Mr. Geo. H. Haase.

New Congregations and Pastoral Charges—Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D., Rev. G. P. Kabele, Rev. W. A. Voss, Mr. Alfon Wisler and Luther Saylor.

Speakers and Chaplain for Next Meeting of Synod—Rev. R. E. Rangeler, Rev. A. O. Soholm and Mr. H. Fischer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8:45 O'CLOCK

The devotional service was conducted by the Chaplain, Rev. R. A. White.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. A. W. Young.

The Roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The Necrologist, Rev. R. A. White, read his report and the same was adopted.

NECROLOGIST REPORT

Since the last meeting of Synod the death Angel has not taken any of our Ministers, and so far as we know, has not taken any of the members of our families. For this blessing we humbly and heartily thank our God.

Mr. Paul W. Kuhns, one of our laymen, son of Dr. H. W. Kuhns, the first Lutheran minister to Nebraska, and brother of Dr. L. M. Kuhns, was called to his reward April 22, 1927.

Brother Kuhns was a business man of rare ability and one who brought his splendid talents into the service of Christ. He was for years treasurer of the Omaha Y. M. C. A., Secretary of the Church council of Grace Lutheran Church of which he was a member, and he served a number of years on the executive board of the Nebraska Synod.

Resolved—That we commend the example of Brother Kuhns to all of our business men.

Resolved—That our sympathies and prayers are in behalf of the family of Brother Kuhns and his surviving brothers, Dr. L. M. Kuhns and John H. Kuhns and that the Secretary of Synod so inform them.

Resolved—That the report be adopted by the rising vote of Synod while the President leads in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE, Necrologist.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Midland College was read by the Secretary, Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE

Your Trustees submit the following report of the activities of Midland College for the past school year. The changes in the faculty were reported at Synod last October. See 1926 minutes page 44.

Enrollment

The matter of enrollment has been carefully checked over. It was found that last spring in forming the catalogue the duplicates were not all taken out, and instead of 769 as a total, it should read 725. There was a total of 300 students in the College. This year the total of the College enrollment is 263, a decrease of 37. There is a grand total of students in all departments of 722 which makes a decrease for the year of only 3 students. In view of the fact that nearly all the Colleges of the State reported a decrease in enrollment, it is not strange that Midland has a small decrease. It is a source of satisfaction to know that the enrollment from the city of Fremont has increased about 25% over last year. The income this year is materially reduced because of the reduction in enrollment in regular College classes.

The increase in the Seminary enrollment has been very remarkable this year. Whereas not a single student enrolled a year ago in the Seminary, this year 14 have enrolled.

Financial Situation

In spite of the decrease of 37 students in the regular College department there has been an increase of tuition received of more than

$3000, and an increase of fees of nearly $1500, and there will be a slight increase in the room rents. The net operating deficit for last year was $7471. This is less by $1128 than the year previous. The Appeal Fund collections decreased last year over the year before by $10254, and for the six months from October 1, 1925 to May 1, 1926, there was a total of $25044 collected and for the same six months' period, October 1, 1926 to May 1, 1927, a total of $18047, a decrease of $6977.

Every effort has been made to run the College on the income and have no deficit. But the absolutely necessary expenses are greater than the income. The annual deficit is approximately from $6000 to $8000. A sufficient amount from the Church to allow the College to close the year even is not received. Other branches of the Lutheran Church seem to be measuring up better for their schools than we are for Midland College.

There are three ways in which the income for current expenses may be increased. The first is by a larger per capita payment from the membership on the territory. The second is a larger subsidy from the Board of Education. And the third is a larger income from increased endowment. Last year the tuition was increased $50 per year. Another increase in the tuition for this year can not be thought of. It is expected that the new Girls' Dormitory will increase the income by $3000, but that will not put the College beyond the danger line. An increase of at least $8000 a year in the income is needed to be on the safe side.

The Girls' Dormitory

The laying of the corner stone of the Girls' Dormitory took place on Friday afternoon, April 29th, at 4 P. M. The articles were placed in the cornerstone by Mrs. R. H. Fair, chairman of the Omaha District and a member of the Church of the Redeemer, Omaha. The address for the women was made by Mrs. Anna Mueller, chairman of the Fremont District and a member of Salem Lutheran Church. The cornerstone address was made by Dr. B. R. Lantz, President of the Board of Trustees.

The Dormitory canvass has been quite thoroughly made and persistently followed up. The results are quite disappointing. Only about 25% of the total needed has been contributed or pledged by the four Synods. A few years ago the Board of Trustees went on record that no contract for a building may be let until 80% of the cost of the building is in sight. Thus far the contract for the building in the rough is all that could be done because that was the sum total of the money that was in sight. The plumbing, the heating, the lighting and the furnishing must all be provided for. The estimated cost of the completed building is about $65000. The basement and foundation, costing $7500, was furnished by Mr. H. C. Luckey; about $6000 worth of stone and steel and brick was delivered and paid for by the College. About $22000 must be secured in cash and pledges before the College has 80% of the cost of the building in sight. About $7200 has been realized from the sale

of property, which amount can be applied to the Dormitory. That leaves a total of about $15000 that must be secured in addition to what is on hand in order to measure up to the rules of the Board and carry on the work to completion by the first of September.

Surveyors From Columbia University

A party of six people, headed by Dr. E. S. Evenden, of Columbia University, spent two days at Midland and made a very thorough canvass of the situation of the College. They met in personal interview nearly all the faculty, all the leaders of student groups and all the administrative officers of the College. They went carefully into the financial situation, into the courses of study and curriculum, the various activities of the campus, and the use that is made of the buildings and grounds. They made some very constructive suggestions and said that the College was running on a financial shoestring. This latter piece of information was not an item of news to the College.

Pastors' and Students' Conference

This Conference was a very successful one. Excellent addresses, splendid discussions and a fine spirit of comradship prevailed. Speakers from the Augustana Synod, the Norwegian Synod, the United Danish Synod, the German Nebraska Synod, as well as from the Iowa, the Kansas, and the Nebraska Synods added spice and interest to the program. The installation of Prof. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., as professor of Church History and Pastoral Theology, was held on Friday, April 29th, in connection with the Conference. The charge was given by Rev. B. R. Lantz D. D., President of the Board of Trustees.

Miscellaneous Items

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There are indications of an increase in the student body next year. There is need of a plan for a systematic method of loaning money to students. There is a continued demand, steadily increasing, on the part of the students to pay for their own education by borrowing, and the College must find funds in some way to lend to students in order to gain their attendance.

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The College solicits the prayers, the interest, the good will and the gifts of the Nebraska Synod that the institution may go forward to finer and better things year by year. There can be a continued growth of our Church in this territory only so long as congregations furnish the young men and young women to be trained for Christian service. Build up the College and thus build up the Church.

Recommendations

1. That we pledge anew our prayers, our efforts, and our finances to assist Dr. Martin in building up a greater institution in Midland College.
2. That Midland College be placed upon the Synodical apportionment of the Nebraska Synod to the amount of $1.00 per capita on the same basis as other benevolent objects in order to help the College meet its budget for 1928.

Resepectfully Submitted,

THE TRUSTEES.

Rev. H. F. Martin, D. D., President of the College, was heard in the interests of the institution.

The report was then adopted.

Rev. K. de Freese read the report on Ministerial Education which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Your Committee wishes to report that seven young men have received aid from the Ministerial Education Fund since the last meeting of Synod. Two are in the Seminary and five in the College. They are as follows:

Paul White, in the Seminary	$ 200.00
Carl Kemper, in the Seminary	200.00
Herbert Dichen, junior in college	200.00
Fred Martin, irregular freshman in college	150.00
Harry Coder, sophmore in college	150 00
Louis Weitzenkamp, irregular freshman in college	100 00
Wallace Livers, sophmore in college, (this was for the last semester only)	50 00
Total amount paid out	$1050.00

The Committee would call the attention of synod and the Beneficiaries to the following motion passed by the Executive committee of Synod: "Moved, seconded and carried that we call the attention of the Committee on Ministerial Education to the action of Synod, see 1924 minutes, page 43, action of Seminary faculty, and page 44, paragraph 3, and request that this action of Synod be carried out in regard to the beneficiaries in the College."

The attention of the Beneficiaries and the Dean of the Seminary will be called to this matter.

We wish to recommend:

1. That the same rule governing the Juniors in the Seminary as recommended by the Seminary Faculty and endorsed by the Synod as recorded in the 1924 minutes page 43 be made applicable to beneficiaries in the College.

2. That the Ministerial Education Committee be granted permission to have printed one hundred (100) copies of the application blanks for aid from the Ministerial Education Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

K. DE FREESE, Chairman.

The report of the Mission Committee was read by Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D. and the same was adopted.

REPORT OF MISSION COMMITTEE

Since the last meeting of Synod this committe has held four meetings.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D.; Missionary Superintendent and Secretary, Rev. W. I. Guss; Treasurer, Mr. O. E. Schellberg. Since Dr. Rangeler's removal from our Synod the President is Dr. R. W. Livers.

The committee has had under its care the following congregations:

SIDNEY, TRINITY—Organized 1886, Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D. the pastor. This church together with

GURLEY, GRACE—Organized in 1916, form a pastorate. Dr. Kahse is also the supply pastor of our church at Potter. Dr. Kahse is doing a splendid work in this parish. Twice a month he travels 60 miles and preaches three times. In this formerly discouraging parish he has accomplished very commendable results. His accessions, the finances, the attendance and pastoral calls are the evidences of his success.

OMAHA, (BENSON), FIRST—Organized 1907. Rev. G. B. Weaver is the untiring and efficient pastor. This church has made a decrease of $100 on the amount asked from the mission fund; $576 was paid on the debt; the apportionment was raised in full; all current bills were paid; the church and school attendance both show an increase; the membership is growing.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, TRINITY—Organized 1920. Rev. George Mortensen is the pastor who has been doing things in this parish. As an evidence of his labors a beautiful church houses this congregation. There is a decrease on the amount asked from the Mission funds; all the apportionment was paid and encouraging reports of good work done come from this pastor. Rev. Mortensen also supplies the churches at Homer and Hubbard.

LINCOLN, ST. JAMES—Organized 1924. Rev. E. H. Kreutz took charge of this field last November. The apportionment was paid in full; a substantial increase in the membership is reported; the finances are improving; the school is growing. It will take hard untiring, continuous effort to make this parish go, but we believe Pastor Kreutz is the man with the optimism and faith to make things progress.

YORK, FIRST UNITED—Organized March 1927. Rev. J. L. Sawyer has been supplying this field for over a year in connection with his seminary course at Fremont. He has accepted a call to this parish and will also serve the congregation at McCool Junction. Our church at this place disbanded in 1925, but under the supervision of Student Sawyer we have again a church that reports 69 members. The finances are in good shape. $1125 were raised in the past eleven months. Watch York grow. Rev. Saywer has the qualifications that make for success.

STELLA, TRINITY—Organized 1886. Rev. A. B. Schwerdtfeger became pastor in January. Under the President's report this parish gives evidence of renewed activity. This church is being given temporary aid from the Synodical Mission Funds. The pastor has a hard job but he has the faith and determination that will make the work a success.

WILBER, FIRST—Organized 1889. Rev. H. C. Cordts is the pastor. Tempory aid is given this parish from the Synod's Mission funds. Pastor Cordts has the qualifications that assure success, and his work is producing encouraging results.

The committee could start new work in other fields and hope to do so, but the trouble is to get the pastors who will serve in a mission. May the Lord raise up more missionary pastors.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. GUSS, Secretary.

Fremont, Nebraska, May 17th, 1927.

This is to certify that we have this day audited the records of the Synodical Mission Board and have found the same to be correct.

Balance according to Treasurer's Book	$ 298.41
Outstanding voucher No. 685	25.00
Balance according to Bank St. 5-13-27	$ 323.41
Certificates of deposit issued by the State Bank of Omaha:	
3-31-27—No. 21731	$ 250.00
3-31-27—No. 21732	1624.95
Total	$1874.95

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. VOLLMER, Chairman Auditing Committee.

Dr. Seibert spoke in the interests of Home Missions.

The Synod listened with interest to Mr. Paulus List, manager of the Western Headquarters of the United Lutheran Publication House, Chicago, Illinois.

Rev. C. Sieck, Rev. E. Walter and Rev. C. P. Harry were introduced to Synod.

The report of the Directors of Midland Assembly was read by Rev. A. O. Frank and the same was adopted.

MIDLAND ASSEMBLY REPORT

The Midland Assembly Executive Committee met for business in Fremont in January and April.

The Assembly will again be held at Midland College the week of June 20-24 inclusive. The faculty which has been secured for this year is one which is well qualified and deserves the heartiest co-operation of every Pastor and lay leader in the territory.

Mr. Arthur Black of Washington, D. C., of the layman's movement will again head the stewardship study. Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D., Secretary of the Parish and School Board of the U. L. C. will bring the Bible study messages and head the work of the Bible Schools. Rev. A. J. Traver, Secretary of the Luther League in America will guide the thoughts of the Leaguers and their leaders. Rev. H. D. Hoover, D. D., Ph. D., S. T. D., of Gettysburg, will be one of the principle speakers. Dean J. White of Midland College will speak on the vacation Bible School and Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D. will be in charge of the twilight devotional services. Rev. L. H. Steinhoff will be in charge of the recreation.

Mrs. O. L. Sturtevant of Lincoln will head the Junior Assembly where any and all children of those attending the Senior Assembly of the city will be instructed and provided for. We wish to call special attention to this feature.

With a strong faculty and the outlook for an inspiring program we urge upon our pastors and lay delegates to look more seriously upon the Assembly as one of the great training fields for church leadership. Especially would we urge our Pastors to attend with their leaders, for how can we expect our lay leaders to consider these Assemblies worth while unless the Pastors are willing to give the inspiration for it in the local congregation. If every Pastor were sufficiently informed along all these lines, it would be advisable for him to conduct local assemblies in place of the Midland Assembly, but because the average pastor is not, we will do well to come to the Assembly with our leaders and learn from the experience of those whom the church recognizes as authorities in their line, how best to carry on the work of the local congregation to the glory of God and the advancement of his kingdom.

We therefore would urge the attendance and contribution toward the expenses of the Assembly on the part of all leaders and workers.

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. FRANK.

Mr. Jh. Fritzon and Mr. Wm. Anderson of Hildreth, Nebraska, were introduced to Synod.

The report of the Inner Mission Committee was read by Rev. C. R. Lowe and the same was adopted.

REPORT OF THE INNER MISSION COMMITTEE

The two inner mission institutions of the synod—Tabitha Home, and the Young People's Hospice—have had a banner year. We refer the synod to the report of each institution for particulars. Nothing has come before your committee, demanding their attention.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. LOWE, Chairman.

The Committee on Church Schools, Rev. R. E. Rangeler, chairman, made its report and the same was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SCHOOLS

Your Committee has not troubled the pastors of Synod with a Church School Questionaire since the last meeting of Synod, hence has nothing to report.

Complete figures concerning our Church Schools are found in our Parochial Reports, to which you are referred.

We would call attention to the splendid work being done in this territory by Dr. C. H. B. Lewis, of the Parish and Church School Board, and would suggest that local Church Schools refer their problems and questions to him.

Respectfully submitted.

R. E. RANGELER, Secretary.

Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D. spoke in the interests of Church Schools.

The report of the Committee on Young People's Societies was read by Rev. O. W. Ebright and the same was adopted.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

Having been only recently appointed to fill the unexpired term of the former secretary, Rev. Geo. Dorn, and during which time there being no meeting of the executive committee of the State League, I am not

in a position to set forth in detail the conditions of the work of the Young People of the Nebraska Synod. However, I am in the position to report on one of the most interesting achievements of the Nebraska Luther League. Some time during the convention the president of the league will report concerning the League in general.

The Hospice

That interesting achievement is the Hospice of the Luther League of Nebraska. On May 13th the Semi-annual meeting of the Hospice Board was held in Omaha, and reports were given for the six months ending April 30th. The hospice receipts for the six months were $2,151.68. The funds on hand at said meeting amounted to $343.47. These figures show the sound financial bases upon which the hospice rests.

Service Rendered

In the year and half existence the hospice has housed thirty-three residents and served six boarders; has entertained twenty-five transients and guests; and has received about twenty-five callers who came out of interest in the home.

Among the distinguished who were served are found the names of Dr. G. K. Rubrecht of Minneapolis, Dr. Engelstadt of Chicago, Rev. and Mrs. Walter A. Voss and occasionally members of the hospice board. Among the names of the callers are found those of Drs. W. F. Rangeler, C. G. Aue, R. L. Patterson, Rev. White, and Mr. Clarence Dittmer, Treasurer of the National Luther League.

A Christian Home

The hospice makes a real christian home for young people. Mrs. R. E. Olson, matron, becomes a christian mother to all who assemble under her roof. And this christian spirit is reflected among the young people. Thanks is returned by different members before the meals. And after the evening dinner, worship is conducted by the young people, using the helps for devotions as found in The Lutheran. One of the fruits of this home is a young man, who desiring room and board, came to this place. He was not a christian, had never been baptized; but under the influence of the home was led to the church where, this last Easter he was baptized and received into membership in a Lutheran Church.

Hospice Spirit

A hospice spirit of loyality exists. The young folks are proud of their home. They occasionally print a little paper of hospice news and send news into the Nebraska Synod Lutheran. The hospice is proud too of a romance that sprouted, budded, and came to maturity under its gracious influence.

"Visitors Welcome"

What the matron and Board of the hospice now desires is the visits of the Lutheran constituency of Nebraska when coming to Omaha: especially the pastors. When you come to Omaha STAY AT THE HOSPICE. The charge for a nights lodging and breakfast is only $1.50. It

is easy to find the hospice and in finding it you will find a clean bed, good meals and pleasant christian surroundings. Above all things, urge your young people upon coming to Omaha to school or to work, TO LIVE AT THE HOSPICE.

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. EBRIGHT, Secretary of Young People's Societies.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. H. Kreutz.

The Synod went into Executive Session which was opened with prayer by Rev. C. P. Karriker.

Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D. read the report of the Examining Committee which was adopted item by item.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE

The Examining Committee has conducted a second-year's examination of licentiate Paul White and Carl Kemper.

Mr. Paul White has passed a very satisfactory examination but inasmuch as he is expecting to pursue post-graduate work and only do supply work during the year and therefore will not fulfill our constitutional requirement for ordination we recommend that he be re-licensed for another year, and request that he return to this Synod for ordination.

Mr. Carl Kemper has proven himself to be worthy of our confidence a year ago when generous consideration was made concerning his examination. Brother Kemper is sincere and doing a good work. We are satisfied with his motives for entering the ministry, and personal piety, and believe that in due time he will meet the requirements for an approved ordination. The committee, however, does not wish to assume the responsibility of recommending his ordination at this time, and therefore asks the Synod, "Shall he be ordained or licensed?"

Mr. H. C. Leonard who was granted special licensure last year by motion of the executive session of Synod has not been able during the year to pursue the work that he or the examining committee had planned or expected. Brother Lonard is rendering a good service to the community in which he is located, but since Mr. Leonard has not met the qualifications prescribed by our constitution for regular licensure, your examining committee is unable to make any recommendations. We therefore make the same query as one year ago—"Shall special licensure until the next meeting of Synod for Mr. H. C. Leonard by the President of Synod, be authorized?

The examining committee recommends that Mr. H. C. Leonard in the event of his receiving special license, shall pursue special work under the direction of the examining committee.

Resolved That the President of Synod immediately consult with Rev. A. A. Marohn, asking the return of his ordination papers to Synod; and in his failure so to do at the next meeting of Synod his name be dropped from our clerical roll.

OLIVER D. BALTZLY, Chairman.

Recommendation 1 was adopted; recommendation 2 was adopted, that C. H. Kemper be ordained; recommendation 3 was adopted, that H. C. Leonard be granted special license till the next meeting of Synod; recommendation 4 was adopted, that H. C. Leonard pursue special instruction under the direction of the Examining Committee; recommendation 5 was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. B. Schwerdtfeger.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 O'CLOCK

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. H. C. Cordts.

The minutes were read and approved and the Roll was called.

Rev. W. A. Voss read the report of the Committee on Architecture which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARCHITECTURE

Your committee did not meet, was not consulted, and, therefore, has nothing to report to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. VOSS, Chairman.

Rev. E. H. Kreutz read the report of the Trustees of Tabitha Home which was adopted. Rev. E. Walter, Superintendent of the Home was heard in its interests.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TABITHA HOME

In submitting a report for Tabitha Home it is needless to say that, as a friend of the institution, it is both a privilege and a pleasure for me to mention just a few things of the remarkable service she has rendered during the past eight months.

Tabitha Home challenges the admiration of every one as her great work with every day is becoming more and more efficient. There are at the present time 134 people at Tabitha Home. This number includes the 17 helpers. Fifty-one aged people are cared for at this time. Of this

number 26 are ladies and 25 men. Fourteen old people have entered since July, 1926. One needs but visit the Home to see what good care these old people receive and with it will understand why the guests there will want to call this institution nothing else but their home. The professors of the University of Nebraska point Tabitha Home out to their students as the most sanitary and best regulated institution in Lincoln.

The orphanage named Nazareth has rendered a special service during the past year. With the new building Tabitha Home continues on a much larger scale to receive and give Christian training to dependent and neglected children. At this time there are 66 children at the orphanage. Nazareth is not in any sense a reform school nor a boarding house in the ordinary acceptation of that term but it is a home—a real home where children receive the most fostering care. The work in the past year and especially during the winter months was indeed hard and very trying for the Superintendent, and his helpers. Never before in the long history of this institution have so many children been so seriously sick with so many different kinds of diseases than in the past year. But with the help of God and the splendid care of the persons in charge it was possible to keep up the remarkable reputation that never a child died at Tabitha Home.

If we examine the figures of the financial report we find a sad truth which should occupy the thought and attention of all members of Synod. The truth is simply this that as a synod we fall behind in the support of this institution. The figures alone would easily lead to gloomy predictions and utter discouragements not mentioning a word of the awful predicament the Superintendent is constantly kept in trying to pay the bills and uphold the good name of Tabitha Home.

Giving thanks to God for the mercy received in that he had His protecting arms over Tabitha Home in the past we pray for His continual blessing in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HUMPE, President.

The report of the Auditors of the Home Mission Committee was read and adopted, and on motion it was ordered to be appended to the Home Mission Committee report.

Rev. C. P. Karriker read the report of the Committee on Protocol which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL

The Committee on the Protocol, submit the following report:

We have carefully read and examined the record of the Fifty Fourth Annual Convention of the Nebraska Synod, and found it well bound and complete.

In making a detailed comparison of the printed minutes with the Protocol we find the following corrections should be made:

1. The heading of the Protocol should read "Minutes of the Fifty-fourth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America" instead of "Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Fifty-fourth Annual Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America."

2. Page 3—Address of Mr. VanFleet, **Aquila** St., should be, **Aguila** St.

3. Page 6—Rev. C. P. Karriker, ordained in **1925** instead of **1920.**

4. Page 6—The town **Leigh,** instead of **Legh.**

5. Page 6—Delegate A. L. **Buchler** instead of A. L. **Buechler.**

6. Page 6—Delegate Loyd **Lynde** instead of Loyd **Syrde.**

7. Page 7—Rev. W. H. Saas, and Rev. Walter Voss, entered Synod in **1924** instead of **1925.**

8. Rev. W. H. Saas misspelled consistently except in cases where he signed as chairman of committees.

9. Page 12—Sentence "Stella is vacant" is omitted.

10. Page 44—Line 27 **L.** G. White, should be **J.** C. White.

11. Page 44—Line 34 **Rirector** used for **Director.**

12. Page 45—Line 37 word "meets" is used instead of "meet."

13. Page 64—Line 16 word "adopted" used instead of word "omitted."

Respectfully submitted,
C. P. KARRIKER, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read by Rev. W. A. Klink and the same was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

In making the report to this meeting of Synod, your committee has followed the request of the Executive Committee, in that the report be "brief and concise." Forty reports were received out of a possible 56 and the summary given is based upon these.

1. Public Worship.

Twenty-five congregations report increasing church attendance; 12 stationary and 3 report decreasing attendance.

The average attendance at the morning service is 119. The attendance for the evening averages 84. Fourteen congregations report no evening service, some of this number, however, hold evening services during Lent.

The male membership averages 44%.

The problem of keeping the young people from drifting remains unsolved. Fifteen report difficulty; 7 report "some;" 16 report no difficulty and two fail to report.

Reports show a decided indifference of the membership in its attitude toward the family altar.

Thirty-one congregations report the use of the Common Service; 8 do not and one uses partly.

2. Festival Seasons.

There is a general observance of all festivals of the church. 38 reports show Lent observed and emphasized, and two failed to report.

3. Lutheran Practice.

Thirty-seven congregations report the administration of Holy Communion four times a year; one reports 3; one two and one one. 15 report separate preparatory services, while 25 do not.

Catechetical instruction is practiced in all congregations.

4. Church Schools.

With the exception of three all use Lutheran lesson literature. A total of 1506 adults are enrolled in 74 classes. 60% of those attending the services of the Sunday School remain for the preaching service.

5. Church Societies.

Twenty congregations report that they have 22 in Christian service. The others report none.

There are nine organized Brotherhoods reported. The total membership is 261. Only five report the organization a success. Last year one reported his organization dead and this year he has it in the "morgue."

6. Church Finances.

Twenty-seven congregations report E. M. C. conducted, while 13 did not. These raise funds by subscription.

Twelve congregations send quarterly statements; 25 report annual, semi-annual or no statements. One reports pledges collected. There are 195 Tithers in the Synod. 17 congregations report this number. 4 report that tithing is not encouraged.

73% of confirmed membership contribute to current expenses and 70% contribute to benevolence.

The Pastors' salaries average $1542. 27 congregations pay salaries regularly, while others do not. 2 congregations report automobile furnished while 2 have allowance for upkeep of one.

Buildings are reported insured and in good condition. $6486 have been spent for improvements.

7. Reports show that records are well kept and valuable papers and books in vaults.

This report is very inaccurate due to blanks partially filled out, and the misconstruction of questions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. KLINK, Chairman.

Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., was elected Trustee of Midland College.

The report of the Committee on the President's Report was read by Dr. O. D. Baltzly and was adopted item by item.

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your committee desires to especially commend our President, Dr. Guss, for the very efficient manner with which he has taken up the affairs of synod. It is no easy task to gather together such varied interests and cover our state in so short a time as he has had since taking up the duties of synod. The total of his service cannot be measured by words; they can only be realized by those who have felt them.

We commend his diligence; he has taken genuinely to heart "The care of the Churches." We approve of his recommendations and report them for approval as follows:

No. 1—as submitted.

No. 2—as submitted.

No. 3—concerning the actions of the Richmond Convention as reported by Secretary M. G. Scherer:

1. Concerning the apportionment that it be referred to the Committee on Laymen's Movement for Stewardship.

2. Concerning Jewish Mission Sunday, that it be referred to Inner Mission Committee.

3. Concerning Ministerial Pensions and relief, that the same be referred to our Committee on Ministerial Pensions and relief.

4. Concerning the educational year, that the same be referred to the Trustees of Midland College.

5. Concerning Church Periodical Week, that the same be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

6. Concerning the statistical and Church Year-book Committee that the same be referred to the statistical Secretary and Publicity Committee.

7. Concerning the organization and location of Theological Seminaries, that the same be referred to the Trustees of Midland College.

8. Concerning the Apportionment to the constituent synods that the same be referred to our Committee on Apportionment.

General Recommendation No. 4—as submitted.

General Recommendation No. 5—as submitted.

General Recommendation No. 6—as submitted.

Respectfully submitted

OLIVER D. BALTZLY, Chairman.

Recommendation 1 was adopted; recommendation 2 was adopted; Recommendation 3, item 1, was referred to the Committee on Laymen's Movement for Stewardship; recommendation 3, item 2, was referred to the Inner Mission Committee; recommendation 3, item 3, was referred to the Committe on Ministerial Pensions and Relief; recommendation 3, item 4, was referred to the Trustees of Midland College; rcommendation 3, item 5, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church; recommendation 3, item 6, was referred to the Statistician and the Publicity Committee; recommendation 3, item 7, was referred to the Trustees of Midland College; recommendation 3, item 8, was referred to the Committee on Apportionment; recommendation 4 was adopted; recommendation 5 was adopted; recommendation 6 was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Apportionment was read by Rev. J. C. Hershey.

Moved, seconded and carried that the apportionment for 1928 be based on the commuing list of October, 1926.

Mr. Geo. H. Haase was elected Trustee of Midland College.

Rev. A. O. Soholm read the report of the delegates to the Richmond Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America which was adopted as read.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH CONVENTION

Your delegates to the Fifth Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America, held at Richmond, Virginia, October 19-27, 1926, would report as follows:

The delegation from the Nebraska Synod consisted of Revs. W. F. Rangeler, C. S. Bream, A. O. Soholm, G. E. Mortensen, C. R. Lowe, and Messrs. Ernest Enke, H. Fischer, Jno. H. Petring, L. S. Saylor and O. E. Schellberg, all of whom were present at the convention.

The Convention was preceeded by the Biennial Meeting of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church. This meeting was well attended and of much interest. Our own Synod was represented on the Brotherhood programme by Dr. H. F. Martin, President of Midland College.

One of the most important actions of the Brotherhood Meeting was the approval of the plan to Federate the Lutheran Brotherhoods of all the general Lutheran Bodies in America.

The Brotherhood Objectives as announced in the Convention might here be given for the benefit of the men of our Synod. They are, "Securing the apportionment 100%.

An adequate supply of young men for the ministry.
Reaching and bringing into the church the outside man.
Developing the spirit of Evangelism among the men.
Relieving pastors of serving tables.
Conducting the Every Member Canvass.
To give the men definite tasks in the church. There are less than 10% of the men actively engaged in the church. We will largely increase this number.
Securing $4,000,000 for the Pension Fund.
Aiding every interest of the church to render a larger service.
Keeping the boys in the church. We now lose 50%.
Giving information about the church and its work—Information, Interest, Action.
Putting the Lutheran Church to the fore."

Realizing that it is impossible, within the space permitted in this report, to give any adequate account of the large amount of business transacted and matters of interest brought before the convention in its sessions of nine days, we would most earnestly urge all our pastors and laymen to study the volume of minutes, a copy of which all pastors have received, for a full setting forth of the work of the church and its various Boards and Institutions, and for the full action of the convention on all the matters of interest brought before it. This is one of the best ways to keep intelligent upon the thought and life and progress of our church.

From the first word of Dr. Knubel's opening sermon to the last official act of the Convention it was full of life and hope and zealous looking forward and you will fail to understand the force of this great meeting of the United Lutheran Church in America if you do not make a study of its minutes. There was frank discussion from the floor of measures and procedures proposed and all was of a constructive character and looked eagerly to the true building up of the church in the faith of Jesus Christ.

We must limit this report to a few matters that are of outstanding importance and interest to the whole church and to us as a Synod at this time.

1. We would present, first, some matters directly concerning Synods:

(a) One of the first of these, as well as one of the first items of business to come before the Convention, was that of fixing the basis of apportionment. After much discussion it was voted to make the item of communing members the one basis only for the apportionment to be assigned to the Synods. This, of course, leaves the Synods to adopt their own plan of assigning the budget to their various congregations. (Minutes Page 108).

(b) The Budget fixed by the Executive Board and approved by a standing vote and prayer at the Convention is, for the years 1927 and 1928, $2 200,000. The different items will be found on pages 97 and 98 of the minutes.

(c) The following suggestions for raising 100% of the apportionment for 1927 were included in the report of the Executive Board, and in the motion at the Convention to adopt by a standing vote and prayer: (We believe they should be included in this report so as to give them wider circulation among the members of the church.)

"We believe the time has now come for a vigorous effort to be made that every Synod of our church meet fully its apportionment. The amount of our budget represents only the pressing opportunities and obligations that confront the church; and any failure to meet this responsibility results in our failure to do the work the Lord has given us. We believe the amount apportioned each Synod is reasonably within its ability; that it represents missionary, educational and charitable work which the Lord expects us to do; that the richest blessings will not rest upon us until it is done. We, therefore, recommend that all our members be called upon to make memorable the year 1927 by meeting the apportionment in full and for that purpose:

"Each delegate to the United Lutheran Church Convention be asked to pledge his active support:

"Each Synod be urged to accept the difinite responsibility of raising the 100% apportionment in the United Lutheran Church for the year 1927, and that Synodical delegates to the convention to pledge their best effort in securing such action by their Synods:

"That Synodical authorities be requested to appoint a Synodical Committee of five or more laymen whose duty it shall be to organize a definite plan to accomplish the raising of 100% apportionment for their Synods. That said synodical committees be authorized to secure the cooperation of pastors and congregations in raising its 100% apportionment:

"That The Lutheran and other Church papers be asked to display in each issue during the year 1927 the following:

FOR CHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM FOR THE YEAR 1927

A Full Apportionment From Every Synod"

(d) Another matter which will directly concern the Synod in connection with our Home Missionary work is that of the consolidation of Boards having in charge the Home mission work in America into one board to be known as the Board of American Missions. This Board is now functioning, having elected Rev. F. F. Fry, D. D., as its executive Secretary and located its offices in New York City. The Constitution of this Board will be found on page 140 ff of the minutes of the Richmond Convention and should be carefully studied. It will be noted that the initiative responsibility for Home Mission work on the territory of a Synod is placed upon the Synod itself, thus greatly adding to the responsibility and work of the Synodical Mission Committee of the Synod. After having studied this constitution and listened to the discussion concerning it at the Convention your delegation is of the opinion that it would be well for our Synod to study anew its whole problem of Home

Missions with a view to more efficient functioning in this work under the conditions of this new Board of American Missions.

(e) Another matter directly concerning the Synod as well as the work in all our congregations is the action of the Convention in restoring the former custom of observing special days for the specific causes of the church in the Sunday Schools and Congregations. The action granted the Boards representing these special causes permission to make appeals for special offerings to the Sunday Schools only on these special days. Another action was to request Synods to publish a list of these "special days" on a Calendar Page of its printed minutes. (See minutes page 446)

2. Another matter given special emphasis in the Convention was that of the coming Campaign for the Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief. The discussion on this question was entered into with great interest and anxiety by the laymen in the Convention. They were responsible for increasing the goal to $4,000,000. This campaign, as has already been widely announced is to take place in 1928. It is specially asked that all the pastors and laymen give their time and effort in the campaign of information on this subject that is now in progress to get the church ready for the great effort of 1928. It is hoped that those responsible in our Synod will cooperate earnestly with the Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief in this matter that is so vital to the church.

3. Another movement very prominent in the Convention was that of the Laymen's Movement for Stewardship. We repeat here the objectives as set forth in their report and emboided in their constitution so that our men may have them at hand to refer to for ready consideration: "(1) **Generally**, to advance the welfare and the work of the United Lutheran Church in America; (2) **Specially**, to promote the cause of Christian Stewardship in the congregations making up the various Synods, by (a) disseminating through proper channels a true Biblical conception of the stewardship of life, and of possessions, (b) co-operation with the Boards of the Church, and the district Synods, (c) seeking to aid the work of securing an adequate ministry, (d) encouraging the cause of the Christian Diaconate, (e) training lay workers for the congregation, and for the church at large."

4. We commend for study the report of the Committee on Church Music beginning on page 428 of the minutes.

5. An interesting event at the beginning of the Convention was the presentation of a gavel made from the wood of a huge cedar tree which overshadows the grave of Confucius in Chu fu, China. The gavel was sent as a "visible token of the love and gratitude of your missionaries in China." The presentation was made by Rev. C. J. Voskamp D. D., the veteran missionary of our China field. and graciously accepted on behalf of the Convention by President Knubel.

6. An important matter touching the work of the Luther League was an action permitting the Luther League to promote scouting in our churches, including the definite program of religious education adopted

by the League for the 'teen age, and permitting the secretary of the Intermediate department of the Luther League to become a member of the Committee on Boy Scout Relations Among Protestant Churches; also, another action transfering Boys Work from a Committee on Boys' Work to the Luther League of America to be hereafter directed by them. The new possibilities of our Young People's work should be studied under these new conditions.

7. It is impossible to give even a summary of the important reports of the various Boards. Their work comes before us through the presentation of the Representatives of those Boards but as a means of disseminating information to our congregations we commend, as a source from which to draw that information, the reports of these Boards as they appear in the printed minutes of the Convention.

8. Action was approved by the Convention to hold the next Biennial Session in Erie, Pa., in 1928.

Our delegates were impressed with the magnitude of the Church and with its tremenduous opportunities for large service in the Kingdom of God and with the mighty challenge those opportunities present to the zealous activity of the consecrated membership of the church.

Respectfully submitted by the Delegation,

W. F. RANGELER, Chairman.

Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D. read the report of the Committee on Tithers' League and the same was adopted.

TITHER'S LEAGUE COMMITTEE

The Tither's League of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska has not only become an established institution in our Synod, but its reputation has penetrated to the fartherest corner of our United Lutheran Church. We have had inquiries about its operation and for literature that we use. It affords us great pleasure that our Nebraska Synod has the distinction and honor as well as commendation of having the first official Tither's League in the Lutheran Church in America.

We have at present 80 members in the Tither's League in our Synod. If all the Tithers in our Church belonged to this League we are confident that it would be a very conspicuous body of Lay members. We have received a number of inquiries about Literature and we have loaned different books on Tithing, as planned by the Committee. We would suggest that the Tither's Committee be given some place in next Year's public program. A list of the new Tithers since our last meeting of Synod is herewith attached.

We urge our Pastors to keep before the minds of the people "That the Tithe is the Lord's," and that Tithing is taught both in the Old and

in the New Testament, and that it had the distinct approval of our Lord Jesus Christ, Matt. 23:23.

Respectively submitted,
OLIVER D. BALTZLY, Chairman.

Additional Tithers Since Last Meeting of Synod

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Sturtevant, 2715 Cable Avenue, Lincoln Nebraska.
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ebright, R. F. D. No. 2, North Platte, Nebraska.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ebright, R. F. D. No. 2, North Platte, Nebraska.
Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Schwerdtfeger, Stella, Nebraska.
Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Saylor, Rising City, Nebraska.
Mrs. F. Fredricksen, 315 W. 3rd Street, North Platte, Nebraska.
Mr. Herbert D. Dichsen, 3322 South 32nd Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska.
Mr. Henry H. Scherer, Tekamah, Nebraska.
Gertrude E. Prouty, 827 South 29th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.
Goldie B. Cole, 2330 South 41st Street, Omaha, Nebraska.
Mrs. F. W. Burkhart, 308 1st Avenue, Nebraska City, Nebraska.
Rev and Mrs. C. P. Karriker, Ponca, Nebraska.
Mrs. Mary Lipe, Ponca, Nebraska.
Miss Edna Miille, Ponca Nebraska.

Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D. read the report of the Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief which was adopted item by item.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL PENION AND RELIEF

Your committee is pleased to report substantial progress made by the United Lutheran Church in the preparation of the soil of one of the most far reaching undertakings before us at this time, in the Campaign for $4,000,000, to make provision for more adequate support for those who have gladly given of their life's service and consecrated their all to establish the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in the earth.

The most striking evidence was the practically unanimous passing of a resolution increasing the goal of Campaign from $3 000 000 to $4,000,000 in view of the fact that the smaller amount would not be sufficient to double the present pension. The laymen were particularly outspoken in their support and pledges of cooperation.

The Board of Ministerial Pension and Relief at this time cares for 215 Ministers, 432 Widows and 98 Children, involving an annual cost of $155,800. At present our Synod receives aid for 4 ministers and 11 widows. The Relief applications have grown until the funds are entirely inadequate. It is the aim of our Church to double the amount granted our aged and disabled ministers and their dependents to assure better care. Therefore our goal, large as it seems, is an absolute necessity to bring about a better condition.

The time has come to receive the active cooperation of our laymen in every congregation of this Synod as well as every pastor on our role to give this Campaign the whole hearted support. The clergy in particular should be made to feel that it is their duty toward those of their brethern in need to give their full support in the great undertaking of our Church. It is the cause of Christ and His Kingdom with which we are concerned and to make more adequate provision for our fathers and mothers, pioneers and pathfinders, missionaries and builders of His kingdom, is not only a sacred trust but a plain duty no one can evade.

The United Lutheran Church authorized this Campaign to be inaugurated on Reformation day, 1927. A canvass is to be made to reach every member of the congregation. No one is to be passed because their gift would be small. There is no quota but according to the ability as the Lord has prospered shall be the giving, holding no sum too great to pension the parson and his widow.

We offer the following resolutions:—

(1) RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this synod that the cause of Ministerial Pensions be presented before every congregation by the pastor or a competent layman at a principal Sunday service between now and October 31st, with the aim of "selling" the idea to the people.

(2) RESOLVED, that the pastors understand that the laymen expect them to give their hearty approval and support to the Campaign, reply to all communications from the office promptly and seeing to it that an efficient and enthusiastic layman be made congregational Chairman.

(3) RESOLVED, that the Board's plan of an every member canvass for subscriptions be adopted in all congregations.

(4) RESOLVED, also that it is the sense of this Synod that as this is a campaign approved and commended by the United Lutheran Church, having precedence during the biennium over all other objects, and that as it is for the future effectiveness of the Church, no local building or other projects, or other outside interests be allowed to interfere with the giving of every individual the opportunity to share in this great work.

(5) RESOLVED, that the Standing Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief of this Synod be the Committee to co-operate with the United Lutheran Church Committee in the Pension Campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. KAHSE, Chairman.

Rev. C. P. Harry spoke in the interests of the report.

Resolution 1 was adopted; resolution 2 was adopted; resolution 3 was adopted; resolution 4 was adopted; resolution 5 was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Laymen's Movement for Stewardship was read by Rev. E. C. Mortensen and the same was adopted.

REPORT OF LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Not much work has been done by the Committee, due largely to the long distances which separated the various members of the Committee, thus making it too expensive for the Synod for us to hold meetings. However, we have supplied the Nebraska Synod Lutheran with an article on Benevolences for most of its issues since last meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. MORTENSEN, Chairman.

Mr. Geo. L. Rinkliff spoke in the interests of this report.

Mr. Louis Swanson, President of the Synodical Brotherhood, addressed Synod in the interests of Stewardship and Midland College.

The following special resolution was adopted:—

Resolved That the pastors and delegates here assembled go on record as being in hearty favor of giving the Brotherhood undivided support in their campaign of raising the deficit in current expenses of Midland College.

Mrs. L. A. Hornberg, President and Representative of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod, addressed the Synod and the Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D. responded to her address.

The Apportionment Committee made a revised report which was adopted.

AUXILARY REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

Your Committee submits the following report based on the communing membership list as reported at the session of Synod convened Auburn, October, 1926, and the Budget authorized at last meeting held in Fremont. The budget is divided among the churches as follows:

Allen	$ 781	Hampton	416
Auburn	951	Hardy	410
Beatrice	662	Hooper	806
Benedict, Bethel	145	Leigh	806
Benedict, Zion	523	Lewellen	247
Dakota, Emman	88	Lincoln, Grace	2117
Dakota, Salem	378	Lincoln, St. James	189
Davenport	699	McCool Jct.	315
Eagle	82	Nebraska City	554
Emerson	1140	North Platte	2243
Ericson	132	Omaha, First	970
Falls City	630	Omaha, Grace	1233
Fremont	1103	Omha, K. M.	$14,297
Grand Island	2772	Omaha, Redeemer	1,147
Gurley	554	Omaha, St. Luke	1,707

Omaha, St. Mark	1,544	Tekamah	296
Oshkosh	189	Verdon	882
Paxton	334	Wolbach	580
Ponca	819	Walton	561
Rising City	914	Wayne	1,537
Potter	158	Wilber	271
Sidney	504	West Point	2,426
South Sioux	441	Hildreth	441
Stamford, Em	107	Homer	239
Stamford, Trinity	504	Hubbard	95
Stella	170	York	252
Sutherland	101		

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D. was introduced to Synod.

Rev. O. W. Ebright read the report for the Committee on Conference Minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE MINUTES

The Secretaries of the two Conferences having failed to give to the Secretary of Synod copies of the meetings of Conference, it is impossible to make a report on the same.

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. EBRIGHT, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read by Rev. O. W. Ebright and the same was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Your committee on evangelism, during the interim since the last meeting of synod, took somewhat the same position taken by a new pastor, who for several Sundays preached the same sermon to his congregation. Upon being asked by a committee from the congregation, why he preached the same sermon every Sunday, replied, "Because you have not as yet begun to practice that one."

For the last three years the committee on evangelism has circulated literature and offered suggestions and plans and recommendations for the harvesting of souls. We do not believe that it was in vain. We believe that it has helped to open the eyes of pastors and laymen to the possibility and the responsibility of congregational evangelism. But recommendations of previous years concerning district and prelenten meetings have well covered the field. The recommendations to pastors

concerning personal evangelism still stand; followed by some, ignored by others. And nothing more do we expect of recommendations.

The Need of Evangelism

Your committee reiterates the crying need of greater activity in the seeking and the saving of that which was lost. The fact that we have lost third place among the protestant churches is a testimony that we fail to fulfil our spiritual responsibility to the communities in which we live. Never perhaps, in the history of the church, has the statement of Moody been more applicable than today that, "The Kingdom of Heaven is handpicked."

The Christian Herald cites a conference of fifty ministers which adopted the motto for its program: "Begin a movement for evangelism from the pew." And Dr. Martinis of Newport, Ky. adds: "The average preacher needs a new inspiration and spiritual power to cope with the situation that confronts the church today."

Recommendations of Little Value

Recommendations from these reports will not inspire pastors or church councils to inaugurate evangelistic movements in our congregations unless they are backed by the whole synod and represented by the executive committee and officers of synod. Other ecclesiastical bodies are backing such movements. Such is the Bishops crusade of the Episcopal Church; and such is the special impetus the Catholic Church is giving to its endeavor to win protestants. They are no longer satisfied with raising them in the church. It is the question whether our Lutheran Church considers it worthwhile. But what can be of greater importance?

Evangelistic Institutes

The committee on evangelism of The United Lutheran Church suggests that institutes be held throughout the church for the purpose of giving definite instruction on the subject of evangelism. Also to offer information concerning the practical operation of personal evangelistic campaigns in the congregations. Such subjects as the following are suggested for consideration: "The equipment of the church for the task." "The personal equation in the task." "The requisites for the task." "The methods of the task." "The possibilities and difficulties associated with the task."

Time for Institutes

Such institutes should be held in the fall with the hope of filling the pastors and laymen full of inspiration and ideas for the year's work. Advent should be the period of preparation; Epiphany, Lent and Easter, and Whitsunday should be the seasons of ingathering.

Recommendations

In consideration of the above, your committee on evangelism comes with one recommendation:

THAT the North and South Platte Conferences be asked by the Executive Committee of Synod to make their 1927 fall conventions evangelistic institutes; that the program committees of the two conferences cooperate with the synodical and United Lutheran Church committees on evangelism for the purpose of arranging the program and appointing the instructors in the institutes.

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. EBRIGHT, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on New Congregations was read by Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D. and the same was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CONGREGATIONS AND PASTORAL CHARGES

Your committee has the honor to report two congregations for membership to the Synod. One comes from the First United Evangelical Lutheran Church, York, Nebr., and the other from St. Paul English Lutheran Church, Hildreth, Nebr. We have carefully examined these applications and find that they have complied with the requirements of the constitution of our Synod. We recommend that they be received and placed on the Synodical Roll.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. KAHSE, Chairman.

Rev. E. A. Vosseler read the report of the Committee on Letters and Papers which was adopted.

LETTERS AND PAPERS

We wish to acknowledge the communication of Mr. A. L. Krause, of West Point, Nebraska, offering his palatial residence to the Lutheran Church, said residence to be used as a home for superannuated ministers. This donation has the provision that the Church shall assume the payment of an $8,000 mortgage that is against the property.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. VOSSELER, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Synodical Paper was read by Rev. R. E. Rangeler and the same was adopted and considered item by item.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL PAPER

Since the last meeting of Synod, your Committee on Synodical paper has published six issues of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran. The printing

was done by the Perkins Printing Company of Fremont, Nebraska. 6300 copies have been placed in the mail each month, reaching the entire membership of our Church as far as Pastors have sent in their mailing lists correctly.

The Business manager's report is given below.

Recommendations to Synod

1. We recommend that the publication of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran be continued.

2. That it be financed by provision made by the Synod thru the apportionment, as in the past.

3. That the editor and business manager be appointed by the executive committee of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. RANGELER,
PAUL C. WHITE,
W. I. GUSS.

Business Manager's Report for the Nebraska Synod Lutheran

Printers—Perkins Printing Company of Fremont.
Mailing—Second Class Privileges.
Number of issues—Six.
Circulation—6300.
Total cost of Synod—$431.39.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL C. WHITE.

Recommendation 1 was adopted; recommendation 2 was adopted; recommendation 3 was adopted.

Rev. L. M. Kuhns, D. D. read the report of the Committee on resolutions which was adopted item by item.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, That we have heard with pleasure the report of Midland College, and that we congratulate President Martin on the progress being made in various lines in both the College and Seminary, and we further request the pastors to present the claims of the institutions to their congregations or to permit the authorized representatives of these institutions to present such claims, and we commend the Lutheran Brotherhood of the Synod of Nebraska for their proposed plan to raise $10,000 annually for Midland College Current Expenses; and that the matter of negotiations relative to Des Moines University and any contemplated mergers of institutions be referred to the Executive Committee of Synod for their consideration and report to this Synod; and

RESOLVED, That we appreciate the presence of the Rev. J. F. Seibert, D. D., English Secretary of the Board of American Missions, the Rev. C. P. Harry, University Secretary of the Board of Education,

the Rev. E. Walter, Supt. of Tabitha Home, Mr. George L. Rinkliff, Associate Secretary of the Laymen's Movement for Stewardship, and Mr. Paulus List, representing the Board of Publication, and the Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D., Field Director of Religious Education for the Central District for the Parish and Church School Board, and we assure these representatives of our willingness to co-operate with them in the work they severally represent, and

RESOLVED, That we, as a Synod, express our thanks to Salem Lutheran congregation, the pastor, the choir, and all who have contributed to the success of this convention, and that the President express the spirit of this resolution to the congregation during the Wednesday evening service, and

RESOLVED, That we heartily commend to the attention of and use by all of our congregations the new Parish register,

RESOLVED, That we have heard with pleasure the report of the Midland Assembly Committee and urge all of our congregations to bring their workers to this Assembly so that they may have enlarged vision and better training for work in the local congregation.

For the Committee,

LUTHER M. KUHNS, Chairman.

Resolution 1 was adopted; resolution 2 was adopted; resolution 3 was adopted; resolution 4 was adopted; resolution 5 was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Claims was read by Rev. E. C. Mortensen.

Moved, seconded and carried that all bills be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

The report of the Committee on Publicity was read by Rev. R. W. Livers, D. D. and the same was referred back to the Committee.

Mr. Geo. H. Haase resigned as Trustee of Midland College.

Moved, seconded and carried that an order for $10.00 be drawn for Mr. George Daniels, the janitor of Salem Lutheran Church.

Moved, seconded and carried that 1600 copies of the minutes of Synod be ordered printed.

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence and Absentees was read by Rev. M. J. Harder and the same was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ABSENTEES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Your Committee reports that the following have been absent from all sessions of Synod and have sent no excuses: Rev. F. Block, Rev. E. Bollman, Rev. E. L. Fleck, Rev. A. A. Marohn and Rev. P. Machetzki.

We recommend that the following be excused from attending the remaining sessions of Synod: Dr. C. B. Harman, Dr. H. F. Martin, Dr. L. M. Kuhns, and Dr. C. H. B. Lewis.

Respectfully submitted,
M. J. HARDER, Chairman.

The report of the committee on Speakers and Chaplain for the next meeting of Synod was read by Rev. R. E. Rangeler and the same was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPEAKERS AND CHAPLAIN FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD

Your Committee would report the following.

For the Communion Sermon:—Rev. M. J. Harder; Alternate, Rev. H. C. Cordts.

For the Ordination Sermon:—Rev. Oak Ebright; Alternate, O. D. Baltzly, D. D.

Chaplain—Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D.; Alternate Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. RANGELER.

Nebraska City was chosen as the place for the next meeting of Synod.

Mr. H. Fischer, Esq. was elected Trustee of Midland College.

Mr. J. H. Humpe was elected Trustee of Tabitha Home.

Rev. E. H. Kreutz was elected Trustee of Tabitha Home.

Moved, seconded and carried that Synod request the Executive Committee to fix the time of closing Synod this evening.

The Publicity Committee made a revised report which was adopted.

REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Your Committee has arranged with reporters that the sessions of this Synod be given adequate publicity in the local press, the United Press and Associated Press, The Lutheran, and The Nebraska Synod Lutheran.

We especially commend the Fremont Tribune and the Omaha Bee for the splendid publicity given and recommend that the Secretary of Synod send them a copy of this report.

Respectfully submitted,
RALPH W. LIVERS, Chairman.

Moved, seconded and carried that the time of the next meeting of Synod be left to the Executive Committee.

Moved, seconded and carried that after the services of Ordination tonight, when we adjourn it be the formal adjournment of Synod with the liturgical services conducted by the President.

Moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the meeting of the Synodical Brotherhood be printed in the minutes of Synod.

Moved, seconded and carried that Midland College, the Western Theological Seminary and Tabitha Home be given a place in the minutes of Synod the same as last year.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D.

A short Executive Session of Synod was held.

The Examining Committee recommended that the name of Rev. F. C. Wiegman be placed on the roll of Synod.

The minutes were approved as read.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. A. Lowe, Ph. D.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:45 O'CLOCK

The liturgical service was conducted by the Secretary, Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. H. A. Anspach of North Platte from the text, Zechariah 4:6. Paul C. White and Henry Scherer were licensed and Carl H. Kemper was ordained. The officers of the Synod were assisted in the ordination by the members of the Examining Committee.

9:30 P. M.—CLOSING SESSION.

The closing session was opened with prayer by Rev. Wm. Hoffman.

Moved, seconded and carried that the amendments read a year ago be referred to a new Committee on Constitution.

Moved, seconded and carried that if any matter of business be overlooked, the same be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act and place the same in the printed minutes.

Rev. J. C. Hershey and Rev. E. C. Mortensen were installed as Statistician and Secretary respectively.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Committee prepare an installation service for the installation of the officers of Synod.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned by using the order for the closing of Synod.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Lutheran Brotherhood OF THE Evangelical Lutheran Synod OF NEBRASKA

Held at West Point, Nebraska, May 9th, 1927

The tenth annual meeting of the Lutheran Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska was held in Grace Lutheran Church at West Point. The meeting was called to order at 4 P. M. by the President, Mr. W. F. Ottmann. The Brotherhoods of Hooper, Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha, Allen, Salem Lutheran, Fremont, Kountze Memorial, Omaha, St. Mark's, Omaha, and West Point were represented.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Ralph W. Livers, D. D. of Hooper. The address of welcome was given by Mr. L. W. Johnson, President of the local Brotherhood. The President then gave his report.

Rev. H. F. Martin, D. D., President of Midland College, then delivered an able address on "The Relationship Between The Christian College and The Brotherhood."

The President appointed the following committees:—

Publicity—Mr. L. D. Swanson, Omaha and Mr. L. W. Johnson, West Point.

Nominating—Mr. Morris S. Zook and Mr. Geo. H. Iverson, Allen and Mr. H. C. Hecht of Hooper.

Resolutions—Mr. M. M. Martin of Allen, and Mr. A. E. Hecker and Mr. Wm. Meyer of Hooper.

An interesting round table discussion was held, led by Mr. L. D. Swanson of Omaha.

The minutes of the meeting of April 9th, 1926, were read and approved as corrected. Upon motion the report of Mr. L. D. Swanson, Treasurer, was accepted and ordered placed on record.

Prof. J. C. White, Dean of Midland College, in behalf of the Fremont brethern, extended an invitation to meet in Fremont in 1928. It was moved, seconded and carried that this invitation be accepted.

It was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed, who, together with the President and Secretary, are to form an objective for our Synodical Brotherhood and to present this objective at the meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, to be held at Fremont next week. This motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

At 6:30 a banquet was served in the basement of Grace Lutheran Church. The speakers of the evening were Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., President of our Synod, whose subject was "What I Would Do If I Were a Layman" and Prof. J. C. White, Dean of Midland College, who spoke on "A Christian Education." Both of these addresses were fine and well received by those present. During the program several fine quartet selections were given by the Brotherhood Quartet of Allen.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following report which was adopted:—

United Lutheran Brotherhood of Nebraska, May 9, 1927.

1. The members of the United Lutheran Brotherhood of Nebraska, realizing the duty and privilege of fostering any plan for the betterment of the Church at large, express complete sympathy with the plan of helping with the raising of finances for Midland College as outlined in the convention.

2. We deplore the weak condition of Brotherhoods in the Synod and urge pastors and laymen to co-operate in fostering more advancement in Brotherhood work.

3. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the men of West Point for their splendid entertainment and fellowship accorded us in this meeting. We especially wish to thank the Ladies' Bible Class of this Church for the splendid banquet which we have been served.

The Nominating Committee presented their report and the following were elected as officers for the ensuing year:—

President—L. D. Swanson, Omaha; Vice President—M. M. Martin, Allen; Secretary—L. W. Johnson, West Point; Treasurer—H. A. Gunderson, Fremont.

The new officers were duly installed by Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. C. L. Stager.

L. W. JOHNSON, Secretary.

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